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SUBJ: IMCO CONFERENCE ON MARINE POLLUTION

REF: (A) LONDON 9609 (B) TELCON ADM REA/LAKEY USCG
20 SEPT 73 (C) COGARD WASHDC TO LONDON 202226 SEPT 73

1. K. MCQUEEN (DTI) ASKED EMBOFF ON 9/19 IF USG HAD
ANY CANDIDATES WE SUPPORTED FOR PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
AFTER BEING ADVISED THAT WE HAD THE MATTER UNDER ACTIVE
CONSIDERATION, MCQUEEN DETAILED THE USUAL REASONS FOR
FINDING THE RIGHT MAN SOON. THE UK IS CONCERNED THAT

ABSENT ADVANCE AGREEMENT WE WILL LOSE VALUABLE CONFER-
ENCE TIME AND RUN THE RISK OF FINDING THE WRONG LDC
CANDIDATE IN THE CHAIR.

2. MCQUEEN AGAIN RAISED NINPUNO'S NAME (REF A). HE
SAID HE IS PROCEEDING TO DETERMINE IF NINPUNO WILL BE ON
THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION. MCQUEEN WILL AVOID
SUGGESTING TO INDONESIANS THAT UK IS CONSIDERING NIN-
PUNO AS PRESIDENT. MCQUEEN ASKS THAT WE APPRAISE HIM
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OF OUR THOUGHTS ON CONFERENCE PRESIDENT ASAP.

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3. REF B RELAYED RESULTS OF MEETING HELD BY COLIN GOAD (SECGEN) WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM UK, NETHERLANDS, AUSTRALIA, SWEDEN AND USA. MEETING DISCUSSED CONFERENCE OFFICERS. ALL AGREED ON COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN I LINDECRONA - SWEDEN II SPINELLI - ITALY III LAKEY - USA AND IV SONDAL - NETHERLANDS. ALL AGREE ON NEED OF CONFERENCE PRESIDENT TO BE FROM LDC. GOAD MENTIONED THAT DR. FROSCH (UNEP) SUGGESTED THAT MEXICO MIGHT PROVIDE A CHAIRMAN. GOAD BELIEVES A MEXICAN WOULD BE DESIRABLE SINCE THEY QUALIFY AS LDC AND ARE MEMBERS OF IMCO ALTHOUGH AT THIS TIME MEXICO HAS NOT INDICATED THEY WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE.

4. REF C REQUESTS EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN APPRAISAL OF RESIDENT MEXICAN AMBASSADOR. AMBASSADOR HUGO B. MARGAIN HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO LONDON IN LAST FEW MONTHS. HE WAS FORMERLY MINISTER OF TREASURY AND PREVIOUSLY AMBASSADOR TO USA. WE BELIEVE BEST APPRAISAL CAN BE MADE IN WASHINGTON AND MEXICO CITY.

5. REF C PARA 3 REQUESTED LIST OF LDCS ATTENDING CONFERENCE. IMCO HAS RECEIVED POSITIVE ACCEPTANCES FROM FOLLOWING: BAHRAIN, CANADA, CYPRUS, DENMARK, DR GERMANY, FR GERMANY, HONG KONG, ICELAND, LIBERIA, MONACO, SWEDEN, SWITZERLAND, AND JORDAN (OBSERVER). COUNTRIES WHO HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL NOT ATTEND ARE: BURMA, BHUTAN, ETHIOPIA, GUATAMALA, GUIANA, LAOS AND SAN MARINO. MR. GOAD HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHO WILL REPRESENT ARGENTINA OR MEXICO BUT HE FEELS CERTAIN THEY WILL SEND DELEGATES.

6. AS SOON AS MR. GOAD KNOWS OF ANY LDCS ATTENDING PRESIDENCY HE WILL ADVISE.

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